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BISHOP NICK, Braintree, Essex	1555 (4.3% ABV) Bitter	Now this is a seriously full-bodied ale. No messing. Bishop Nick wasn't burnt at the stake in 1555 so we could sit quietly and sip weak ale. Not a chance. This rich tawny beer is a tribute to defiance. With an unmistakably sweet nutty taste underlined by the ginger and fruit of Styrian goldings, 1555 shall not be moved.	
BISHOP NICK, Braintree, Essex	Hereseey (4.0% ABV) Golden	Bishop Nick was executed a heretic because he wouldn't renounce his faith, so we're not compromising either. Heresy is the holy grail of golden ale. Top-notch pale ale malt and Challenger hops commit the brew to spicy bitterness before Goldings set about delivering citrus and florals. This is resolute refreshment.	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Jack Spitty's Smuggler's Ale (4.0% ABV) Golden	A golden ale with a hoppy finish	
COLCHESTER, Colchester, Essex	Sweeney Todd (4.2% ABV) Bitter	A full flavoured best bitter with a deep red hue. Roasted malt flavours and a subtle dry spiciness provided by crystal rye. Delicate hop flavours from late additions of U.S Willamette hops.	
COURTYARD, Gosfield, Essex	Blues (5.9% ABV) Golden	A smooth full bodied Ale. Very easy to drink all year round, but deceptively strong.	
COURTYARD, Gosfield, Essex	Dark (5.0% ABV) Porter	A true 5% porter with hints of coffee, chocolate and molasses. A rich silky brew for the discerning palate.	
MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Old Man & The Sea (4.1% ABV) Stout	Rich black creamy stout with satisfying malt flavours of espresso coffee, dark chocolate and a hint of dark fruit.	
MIGHTY OAK, Maldon, Essex	Saxon Strong (6.5% ABV) Bitter	A deep tawny ale brewed with Bramling Cross Progress and Goldings hops giving full bodied fruity flavours along side a complex malt character, reminiscent of barley wine.	
MOODY GOOSE BREWERY, Braintree, Essex	Tequila Mockingbird (4.2% ABV) Golden	A rich gold bitter with fruity hoppy aromas. Smooth with slight malt and tequila lime finish.	
PUMPHOUSE BREWERY, Toppesfield, Essex	Allied Amber (3.8% ABV) Amber	Created to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. It is a smooth, easy drinking traditional bitter, made with chocolate, pale and wheat malts and WGV hops. Amber in colour and with malty and biscuit flavours.	
PUMPHOUSE BREWERY, Toppesfield, Essex	Pumphouse Black (4.0% ABV) Black	Smooth and smoky, black and toasty, with a subtle but distinct bitterness, the complex flavours that derive from the combination of roasted barley with chocolate malt form the backbone of this stout. Surprisingly easy to drink, black is the new blonde for winter!	
WHARF (WITHAM, HARWICH AND RED FOX), Essex	Lion Tamer (4.3% ABV) Golden	A spiced up version of "Pale Racer", Golden ale with Amarillo. BRAF Festival Ale 2024.	
WHARF (WITHAM, HARWICH AND RED FOX), Essex	Parkeston Porter (4.5% ABV) Porter	More heavily hopped robust porter in the new-world style. Influenced by US brewers, this porter combines the noble hops of Middle Europe with the best of US hops to create a smooth beer.	
WHARF (WITHAM, HARWICH AND RED FOX), Essex	Wily Oi' Fox (5.2% ABV) Strong	A very aromatic, amber beer made from English Boadicea hops and East Anglian Pale Maris Otter malt.	

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WHITE HART - HALSTEAD, Halstead, Essex	Gold Hart (4.0% ABV) Golden	A Golden Ale made from the most traditional, Maris Otter Barley & Goldings East Kent Hops. Golden Hart has a smooth easy drinking taste with a crisp bitter finish.	
BUNTINGFORD, Buntingford, Hertfordshire	Hurricane Copper (4.0% ABV) Bitter	A traditional bitter, caramel hint with hedgerow fruit.	
BUNTINGFORD, Buntingford, Hertfordshire	Twitchell (3.8% ABV) Golden	A golden fruity bitter with a floral aroma and malty / hoppy aftertaste. Brewed with Maris Otter pale & wheat malts, and English Goldings hops, plus Cascade hops from the USA. GBBF 2013 Overall - Silver	
GREEN JACK, Lowestoft, Suffolk	Lurcher Stout (4.8% ABV) Stout	Lurcher is a rich smooth English Stout, roasty, malty and dark with a fruity aroma. Fruity hop notes of blackcurrant quickly give way to blackberry in the finish.	
GREEN JACK, Lowestoft, Suffolk	Trawler Boys (4.6% ABV) Bitter	Trawlerboys Best Bitter is a full-bodied, copper-coloured, premium bitter brewed with English whole cone hops, rich and malty with fruity hop flavours. 100% British Beer	
MAULDONS, Sudbury, Suffolk	Black Adder (5.3% ABV) Stout	A dark stout. Roast malt is strong in the aroma and taste, but malt, hop and bitterness provide an excellent balance and a lingering finish.	
MAULDONS, Sudbury, Suffolk	White Adder (5.3% ABV) Bitter	A pale brown, almost golden, strong ale. A warming fruity flavour dominates and lingers into a dry, hoppy finish.	
MILTON BREWERY, CAMBRIDGE, Waterbeach, Cambridge	Marcus Aurelius (7.5% ABV) Stout	Imperial Roman Stout — an enormous, luscious and velvety stout. Bursting with dark, roasty flavour with an underlying vanilla richness.	
MILTON BREWERY, CAMBRIDGE, Waterbeach, Cambridge	Minerva (4.6% ABV) Golden	Golden ale. Brewed with US, NZ and British hops for a powerful hop punch and satisfying bitterness. First brewed in collaboration with Prof. Mary Beard when it was felt that a some feminine wisdom could usefully be added to our range.	
MOONSHINE BREWERY, CAMBRIDGE, Fulbourn, Cambridge	Cambridge Best Bitter (4.2% ABV) Bitter	Copper coloured, English best bitter; the malt and hop aromas carry through to the taste and the finish is rounded with a growing hop bitterness.	
MOONSHINE BREWERY, CAMBRIDGE, Fulbourn, Cambridge	Cellarman Stout (6.0% ABV) Stout	A sweet stout with a rich malt profile. Dark roasted malts are blended together with large quantities of oats to create a mellow, silky smooth juicy rich stout.	
NETHERGATES, Pentlow, Essex	Eon's Milk Stout (5.0% ABV) Stout	A great combination of Challenger and Sovereign hops delivers a complex blend of spices, smoky aroma and roasted malt in this wonderful milk stout. The texture is rich, sweet and smooth with a good body and its a pleasure to drink this dark beer with lots of fizz.	
NETHERGATES, Pentlow, Essex	Stour Valley Gold (4.2% ABV) Golden	With a perfectly balanced combination of hops and malts, this light beer is crisp, clean, and goes down smooth as silk. Whether you're relaxing on the patio or kicking back with friends at a summer BBQ, Stour Valley Gold is the perfect way to brighten up your day.	
NEW RIVER BREWERY, Hoddesdon	Chadwell (4.2% ABV) Bitter	Pale chestnut british best bitter.	

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NEW RIVER BREWERY, Hoddesdon	Lost River (4.0% ABV) Golden	Sometimes described as one of London's "lost rivers", the New River glides silently into London, often hidden from passers-by, particularly where it tunnels beneath the streets. This delicately dry hopped, pale straw coloured beer is, similarly, wonderfully discrete and easily swallowed up, so we think the name is a perfect fit!	
OLD CANNON, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk	Gunner's Daughter (5.5% ABV) Strong	A well-balanced strong ale with a complexity of hop, fruit, sweetness and bitterness in the	
OLD CANNON, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk	Gunport Stout (6.5% ABV) Stout	A soft, mellow and mild stout with hints of chocolate on the nose and oatmeal on the palate. Smooth not yet too heavy making it an easy drink alternative to our normal beers.	
ROUGHACRE, Clare, Suffolk	Ashdon Amber (4.4% ABV) Golden	Our flagship cask ale proved so popular with the local real ale enthusiasts we decided to bottle it too! A delicious amber ale packed with flavour, refreshing bitterness and a delicate hoppy finish imparted by a late addition of East Kent Golding and Progress hops. Contains BARLEY.	
ROUGHACRE, Clare, Suffolk	L'abbaye Grand Cru (8.4% ABV) Bitter	Our very special Belgian 'Tripel' style premium pale ale brewed with pilsner malts and armfuls of aromatic, fruity hops. Abbey yeast provides additional notes of fruit and spice. Vegan - Contains Gluten (Barley)	
<b>The Cider &amp; Perry Bar</b>			
CELTIC MARCHES, Bishop's Frome, Worcester	Pear (4.0% ABV) Perry	A tantalising blend of fresh pressed cider and the delicately sweet afternotes of pear combine effortlessly with the aromas of our Herefordshire cider apple harvest. An alluring twist of palate pleasing taste will lure you back for more of this thirst quenching drop.	
COCK EYED, Tiverton, Devon	Banana Bonobo (4.0% ABV) Cider	Culinary apple cider, fermented with ripe bananas	
COCK EYED, Tiverton, Devon	Chilli Ginger (4.0% ABV) Cider	Cider fermented from mainly dessert fruit with root ginger.	
COCK EYED, Tiverton, Devon	Strawberry Blond (4.0% ABV) Cider	Strawberry Blonde – a brand new invention and flavour	
PULP, Wyer Croft, Herefordshire	Pina Colada (3.4% ABV) Cider		
PULP, Wyer Croft, Herefordshire	Mango & Lime (4.0% ABV) Cider	This zingy number is a smooth blend of mango and lime. Fresh and fruity, the zing of the lime meets the tropical sweetness of the mango to create this taste explosion. Suitable for Vegans	
PULP, Wyer Croft, Herefordshire	Cosmo (3.4% ABV) Cider	Crushed cranberries and a squeeze of lime, this vodka based lip smacking classic is reassuringly smooth, light and laidback. Sweet ripe fruit and the sour of lime will have you coming back for more! Suitable for Vegans	
SNAILBANK, Herefordshire	Sloe Gin (4.0% ABV) Fruit Cider	Sloe Gin infused cider	
SNAILBANK, Herefordshire	Raspberry Ripple (4.0% ABV) Cider	Sweet cider infused with tart raspberry rippled through with vanilla.	

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SNAILBANK, Herefordshire	Spiced Rum (4.0% ABV) Cider	Rum barrel aged cider carefully spiced with cinnamon and allspice.	
SNAILBANK, Herefordshire	Vintage (6.9% ABV) Cider		
WESTON, Much Marcle, Worcester	Old Rosie (7.3% ABV) Cider	A triple gold winning cider named after a 1921 steam roller. This cider is allowed to settle out naturally after fermentation which gives it the traditional cloudy appearance of true old-fashioned scrumpy.	

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